

"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people"
—Dr. H. M. Ford

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NORTHFIELD 10 YEARS AGO From The Files of The Press

The Haven H. Spencer Post, American Legion presents the "Hi Boys" and their Radio Rangers.

Bronson Inn reports a full house for some weeks and at the present time is caring for 56 guests.

The public schools of the town will close for a week's vacation at the end of the session Friday.

Dr. Richard Holton is recovering from a fractured leg.

Postmasters Skilton of East Northfield, Quinlan of Northfield, Amason of South Vernon and Streeter of Mt. Hermon will attend the semi annual meeting of the postmasters of the State at Greenfield this Saturday and Sunday.

Leon Dunnell and Ted Powell are among those attending the Middlebury College Ski carnival this week end.

The group of young people who are to put on the play, "Peck's Bad Boy" at the town hall under the direction of Donald Finch are studying their parts and carrying on their rehearsals.

Tuesday at 6:30, Brotherhood Supper, address, "Germany as I Knew Her", by Rev. Albert Penner of Second Church, Holyoke.

The Garden Club met at Alexander Hall, with the president Mrs. Charles F. Taber presiding.

On Tuesday last week the Girl Scouts of Troop 2 had an interesting ceremony at which Ellen Brismaster, Barbara Olsen, Patricia Long, Ruth Norton, Phoebe Stacey and Virginia Steadler received their tenderfoot pins.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 21.
Friendly Class meeting, 8 p. m.
At the home of Mrs. Julian Black.
February 22,
Washington's Birthday.
February 23,
Haven H. Spencer Post meeting, 8 p. m.
February 24,
OPC meeting, Town Hall, 8 p. m.
February 27,
WCTU illustrated lecture at the Congregational Church vestry.
Gordon E. Watt, speaker.
March 2,
V. F. W. meeting, 8 p. m. Post quarters.
March 3,
Congregational Church parish supper, 6:30 p. m.
WSO meeting, School house, 8 p. m.
March 10,
Alliance meeting.

WEATHER STATION REPORT

Date	Max.	Min.	Rain
February 10	38	9	
February 11	39.5	10	
February 12	28	-10	
February 13	38	-1	
February 14	48	33	
February 15	47	31	.37
February 16	45	23	

ON THE AIR



The Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., will be on the air at the regular time this Saturday, 4:45 over station WHAI, with another in the series of Speak Up For Democracy broadcasts.
Vito Hantunen will be the speaker.

Converted Alcoholic Speaks Here Feb. 27

There will be an illustrated temperance lecture by Gordon E. Watt, Sunday, Feb. 27, 8 p. m., in the Congregational Church vestry.
Mr. Watt was brought up in a Christian home, but at the age of 15 he joined a circus. His life was one of sin and shame, and he became a habitual drunkard. He was converted by the saving power of Jesus Christ. He will tell his own story, "A Converted Alcoholic". Everyone is cordially invited. There will be no admission. A collection will be taken.

Sage Chapel Speaker

On Sunday, February 20, Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will be guest speaker at the Emma Willard School in Troy, N. Y. and in the evening he will speak at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.
The Sunday morning worship service at the Northfield School for Girls will be held at 10 a. m. in Russell Sage Chapel. The guest preacher will be Rev. Nelson W. Bryant of St. Mark's School in Adams, Mass. (The speaker at the Mt. Hermon service will be Rev. Philip H. Ward, a member of the faculty, and will be at 10:30 a. m. in Memorial Chapel.

Brotherhood Hears Dr. Meaney on Lincoln

The Brotherhood met at the Trinitarian Congregational Church last Tuesday evening, with Dr. Edmund S. Meaney, Jr., of Mount Hermon as the speaker.

Dr. Meaney spoke on "Lincoln and Current Events."

Chairman of the supper committee was Harold Brismaster, assisted by the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Stanley Smolen, Hubert Eastman, Ted Powell, and Unto Hantunen.

Redmen Meet Here Around Council Fire

Picomegan Tribe 49, Improved Order of Red Men, had their first monthly meeting here in Northfield on the evening of Feb. 16th. This is the first council fire that has been lit in Northfield in many years. Many former members of the old Northfield Tribe were welcomed back into the lodge, as well as several new palefaces. From the enthusiasm shown at this first meeting here in Northfield, The Redmen are back to stay. Eleven new members from Northfield will go to South Deerfield this coming Saturday night to take the Adoption degree. The degree work is done with full Indian Regalia, and is a beautiful and colorful spectacle to witness.



PURRINGTON — SANGREE

The engagement of Miss Betty Jean Purrrington, daughter of Mrs. Leroy Purrrington and the late Mr. Purrrington, to Mr. Charles Spahr Sangree, son of Reverend and Mrs. M. Huyett Sangree of Kenmore, New York has been announced by her mother.

Miss Purrrington is an Alumna of Northfield School for Girls and Smith College. She is now serving as director of Education and Young People's Work at the Amherst Community Church, Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Sangree graduated from Stanford College and is at present a student at the Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He spent three years in the United States Army, receiving a commission as lieutenant and serving in Japan.

The wedding will be held in the late summer.

20-45 Club Hears Uncle Oscar Elwell

More than forty were present for the 20-45 Club meeting last Sunday with "Uncle" Oscar Elwell of Camp Tekodah as the speaker.

"Uncle" Oscar spoke on "Getting Along with Boys and Girls", and showed motion pictures of the four New England seasons. A number of Northfield scenes were included.

"Uncle" Oscar proved vastly amusing and entertaining, and this writer at least was wishing he were 18 again so he could go to camp next summer. Oh well.

Supper was served by Mr. and Mrs. Unto Hantunen, Mr. and Mrs. George Leonard and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr.

Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Quigley to Naomi E. Markley of New York City and Elva R. Lippincott of Plainfield, N. J., land on the east side of Main street.

Frank W. Williams celebrated his 74th birthday on the 17th. A number of cards and gifts were received.

The Northfield Post 9874, VFW, needs furniture for their quarters in West Northfield. Contact any of the members for requirements.

Gaylord W. Douglass, who has made a long time study of Abraham Lincoln and is considered by many an authority on the subject, spoke on training of Lincoln at Memorial Chapel and also addressed the Ministerial Association of Greenfield on "Lincoln as God's Man."

Major Bill Marshall reports from Japan and from all indications he is pretty busy with various jobs with the Military Government. From all indications people are going without a lot, but are not going hungry.

Several winners in a Pioneer Valley Association contest were guests of A. Gordon Moody at the Northfield.

Dr. William E. Park has been re-elected as a trustee of the Franklin County Public Hospital.

A Franklin County Music Festival is being planned.

The W. C. T. U. meets at the home of Mrs. Ansel B. True on Feb. 16th at 3 p. m.

Your Opinion? ?

Several articles were approved at this past town meeting that relate to the welfare of this town. Several committees were appointed to study various needs of the town.

One tangible way any individual, or any committee, can ever know the feeling of his fellow townspeople is by having specific communication with them. In other words letters should be written to these committees to give them something to work on, so that they can present a complete picture when the time comes.

Two specific matters were discussed at the town meeting, 1. swimming pool, 2. A town recreation center.

Everyone in town must have an opinion on both of these very important issues — the one real constructive way to express that opinion is to write a LETTER.

The PRESS will be glad to serve as a clearing house for these letters and turn them over to the proper committees for their study and consideration.

To allow these issues to die a lingering death due to unexpressed opinions would be a considerable disservice to the community. Your opinion, whatever it is, would play an important part in a positive and sensible solution to the problem of having a swimming pool and a town recreation center.

Write a card or letter to the PRESS. This is important. It should warrant a penny postcard or a three cent stamp.

Jewett Farm Sold To So. Hadley Man

Arthur L. Donnellan of South Hadley has purchased the large farm on the old road in the upper farm district owned by D. M. Jewett, Inc. The farm had been in the Jewett family for more than 35 years. The Ware house has been retained. It is occupied by D. M. Jewett, Jr., and family.

From 600 to 700 acres of land was involved in the sale, as well as a herd of cattle, farm tools, trucks and all equipment.

The farm has been used to raise cucumbers and cauliflowers for the Jewett pickle business in South Deerfield, but is now a dairy farm managed by Donald Truesdell.

P.-T. A. to Sponsor Art and Nature Classes

More than 50 members and friends were present for the P.-T. A. meeting at Alexander Hall on Monday, February 1, with Harold McLean presiding in the absence of James C. Gillespie.

Reports of officers and committee chairmen were read.

It was voted to donate \$25 toward the cost of a nature study course given by the Audubon Society starting in the fifth grade.

It was also voted to have John Edward Phelps, Gill artist, conduct a weekly art class after school under the sponsorship of the P.-T. A.

Miss Evelyn Lawley and F. Sumner Turner were chosen as additional members of the legislative committee.

The P.-T. A. will assist other civic organizations with plans for the 225th anniversary celebration of the town.

The Northfield P.-T. A. has been invited to attend an open discussion on a regional high school. The invitation was extended by the Bernardston P.-T. A.

Mrs. Mark B. Aldrich spoke on Tuberculosis x-rays for school children. Mr. Leonard will make further investigation.

Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, spoke to the group on the state board of education.

I. J. Lawrence directed the play presented during the evening entitled, "Getting Along with People" with the following cast, Charles White, Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. George Leonard and Hubert Eastman.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston, Mrs. Edward Tenney and Mrs. Stanley Smolen.

More Tax Money Coming Back to Town

Franklin County towns will receive \$66,542 of the additional distribution to be made available for real estate tax relief after June 30, from surplus proceeds from assessments on income and business corporation taxes. Tax Commissioner Henry F. Long has announced.

Governor Paul E. Dever disclosed the money to be distributed cities and towns throughout the state will be in addition to the \$55,000,000 previously announced. The total returns for Franklin County will be \$66,542 of which Northfield will receive \$1,767. The total actual amount to be received from the state is not stated.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation for the flowers and expressions of sympathy from friends and neighbors in the loss of our loved one, Mrs. Frank E. Evans.

Mrs. Charles Gilbert
Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Potts

Child Specialist Broadcasts Talk

A number of local people listened attentively to the Medical Institute of the Air program which came in very clearly over Radio Station WHAI last Saturday, February 12, from 12:30 to 1:00.

The program consisted of a panel discussion on retrolental fibroplasia, an ocular condition to which premature babies are liable. The panel discussion was led by Dr. Merrill King, with Dr. Kinsey, Mrs. Wilson of the research project, and Miss Pauline M. Moor, participating, all connected with the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary 243 Charles street, Boston.

Miss Moor spoke interestingly of the educational and social work which she is doing as hospital field worker with blind children of preschool age and their parents. She holds the degrees of B. A. and M. A. from Smith College and since graduation has been engaged in social work mostly in Boston. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lena W. Moor of East Northfield and spends her vacations with her mother.

Basketball SCOREBOARD

Northfield High School climbed into a second place last Friday when they defeated Powers Institute of Bernardston, 35 to 27. Joe Bilmon led the way with 22 points. The Northfield High School girls fell before the undefeated girls of Powers.

Summaries:

NORTHFIELD-Bilmon, 11-0-22; Mello, 11-0-0-0; W. Whitney, 11-0-2; Jurkowsky, 11-0-0-0; Severance, 11-0-9; Kenney, 11-0-0-0; Hutchins, 11-0-0-0; Morgan, 11-0-0-0; R. Whitney, 11-0-2; Parsons, 11-0-0-0; Allen, 11-0-0-0; totals, 17-1-35.

POWERS INSTITUTE — Miller, 11-0-0-0; Messer, 11-2-1-5; Allen, 11-1-17; Townsend, 11-2-5; Mooers, 11-0-0-0; Atherton, 11-0-0-0; totals, 12-3-27.

Score by periods 1 2 3 4
Northfield 11 6 12 6-35
Powers 5 4 6 12-27
Referee—Mistun.

POWERS INSTITUTE GIRLS — B. Hale 11-1-0-2; C. Forbes 11-1-0-2; E. Pratt, 11-0-0-0; S. Gale, 11-0-8; Hill, 11-0-0-0; Shores, 11-5-2-12; A. Phelps, 11-0-0-0; L. Streeter 11-0-0-0; N. Deane, 11-0-0-0; D. Damon 11-0-0-0; E. Deane 11-0-0-0; L. Everett 11-0-0-0; totals 11-2-21.

NORTHFIELD GIRLS — Browning, 11-0-0-0; Carter, 11-0-0-0; Mello, 11-0-0-0; Allen, 11-0-0-0; Brown, 11-0-0-0; J. Heselton, 11-0-0-0; Allen, 11-0-0-0; J. Randall, 11-2-4; Whitney, 11-4-1-9; Man-kowsky 11-0-0-0; totals, 6-1-13.
Score by periods 1 2 3 4
Powers 4 7 11 2-24
Northfield 2 0 8 3-13
Referee—Whajard.
Umpire—Dorchester.

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Church CALENDAR

**TRINITARIAN
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
Sunday, February 20,
9:00 a.m. Junior choir rehearsal.
9:55 a.m. Church School.
10:00 a.m. Young People's Forum
and Men's Bible Class.
11:00 a.m. Public Worship. Sermon
subject, "Three Men and a Prisoner."
Pre-school age children
attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.
6:00 p.m. Members of the Pilgrim
Fellowship will meet at the home
of Mrs. Julian Black, Winchester
road. Devotional service led by
Marie Lopez. Refreshments and a
visit to the planetarium room of
Steven Smith.
7:30 p.m. February meeting of
the Standing Committee in the vestry.
Please note this meeting is a
week earlier than usual.
The Friendly Class meets at the
home of Mrs. Julian Black, Winchester
road, on Monday evening, at
eight o'clock. Misses Amy and
Maud Hamilton will speak on and
exhibit "Buttons." Each member
is requested to bring a piece of
percale print.
A family parish supper will be
served in the vestry on Thursday
evening, March 3rd, 6:30 o'clock.
Each family is to bring a hot dish
or a salad or a dessert. There
will follow a devotional service and
colored pictures.
Mid-week services will be held
in the vestry each Thursday
evening during Lent. The subject of
Mr. Reeves' series of Talks will be
"Jesus and the Gospels." Lent be-
gins on Wednesday, March 2nd.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH
South Vernon, Vt.
Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone,
Services every Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 11:45 a.m.
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p.m.
Prasie Service, 7:30 p.m.

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Richard G. Schriest, Minister
Sunday, February 20,
10:00 a.m. Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. Service and Sermon.
"The Back Road: More About
Grass Roots."

**ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN
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Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor.
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8:30 a.m. All other Sundays 10:30
a.m.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor.
Sunday, February 20,
10:30 a.m. Service and Sermon.
"Keeping Step with the Master."
11:30 a.m. Sunday School.
7:00 p.m. Evening Service, pray-
er and praise.
Wednesday, February 23,
Mid-week prayer service.

Pine Top News

Pine Top Ski Area had a fairly
good day last Sunday, when a bus
load of "Ridge Runners" from Athol,
some students from Amherst
and Greenfield enthusiasts arrived
in spite of the wet conditions of
both slopes.

The upper tow operated almost
two hours, to give the "Ridge Run-
ners" an opportunity to try the
upper slope, but soon bare spots
developed so that only the lower
slope could be operated all day.

THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400
words or less. All letters must be
signed by the writer - the name
will not be used if you so desire.)

Lucubrations? ? ?

The Editor
The Northfield Press
Northfield, Massachusetts
Dear Sir:

Upon finishing the lucubrations
of Mr. Porter I went to my book
case and removed my one volume
of Bret Harte. After reading "The
Luck of Roaring Camp" I came to
the conclusion that Mr. Porter's
reasoning was not too well founded.

I may be wrong, but it seems
to me that Mr. Porter was trying
to construct a correlation between
the actions of the people of North-
field and the characters of this
short story. It is easy for the au-
thor to construct the plot and the
actions of the people. Bret Harte
did this when he created the child
and the enthusiasm of the people
for that child. Does Mr. Porter
think that the enthusiasm that we
have for the much needed recrea-
tion in Northfield is something new
and spontaneous? It is not. We
need it, and we need it now.

The people of this town are very
intelligent people. I feel sure that
they will see the need for better
recreation. I also feel that they
will meet this problem as soon as
they can. Let us not forget this
as the months slip by.

Sincerely,
Russell D. Roberts

Dear Editor:

With all due apologies to Mr.
Leonard and his staff, who have
done a great deal for the Northfield
High School - as is evidenced by
the progress made in basketball,
higher morale, and general striving
toward a well-rounded program -
my opinion still rests that music,
including the school songs, has a
definite place. There is a very
pleasing impression gathered when
deference is paid to a school song.

Perhaps I was a bit hasty in my
original statement - truthfully I
was - for after talking with sev-
eral of the students, hearing them
speak so highly of their school, I
cannot help qualifying my state-
ment of last week, making it of
"less importance but still something
to bear in mind."

I congratulate Mr. Leonard and
his staff on what they have done,
and wish them nothing but good
will and good luck in the days and
years to come.

An Enlightened Alumnus.

"Dark Corners"

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The press ac-
cepts no responsibility for the age
or authenticity of any of the fol-
lowing jokes)

Dear Editor:

This is a long delayed article
which I wrote some time ago to
tell you I was enjoying your style
of editing our local paper. From
the day of its introduction to the
Northfield Public I have been a sub-
scriber and paid my dues regularly.
Once I was part owner, but that is
another matter.

I subscribe for the Press be-
cause of my interest in local items
and advertisements; and I feel
a sense of civic pride in knowing
that there is a medium through
which one can make his wishes
known, and in which another can
express his feelings either in joy
or sorrow to an understanding pub-
lic. Through such a medium we
are brought together in a closer
association and relationship which
I consider quite essential in coun-
try life.

The other day while cleaning out
dark corners, I uncovered an old
NORTHFIELD HERALD - fore-
runner of the Northfield Press.
This is vol. 3, No. 51, Friday, March
30, 1934. Editor W. W. Coe. Be-
cause of its interest to me I thought
perhaps you might like to look it
over. There are quite a number of
items of local interest or concern
which some of your subscribers
may recall with vivid recollection.

JOURNEY TO EUROPE

STORY and SKETCHES

BY
Isabel Smith

When we left Germany, and went
into Belgium, we found food and
living conditions greatly improved.
Indeed Belgium was a different
world entirely. People were well
dressed, shops were filled with up-
to-date equipment. A vigorous and
healthy spirit prevailed. France
on the other hand was in the throes
of poverty. The gaiety of Paris had
a hollow echo. People were gaunt
and poorly dressed. Food was ex-
pensive, sometimes available. Tea



was black, without sugar; bread
was eaten without butter or jam.
Milk was for the French a rarity,
and for visitors without points sim-
ply not to be had. In England
though food was severely rationed
there was not the feeling of desper-
ate need that we felt in France.
Lighthearted pleasure pervaded
the hostels, so crowded that book-
ings had to be made months in ad-
vance.

Yet more than one British hostel-
er said to me that it was "not the
Lake or the Shakespeare country,
or the beauty of the downs or sea
that is most alluring to us hostel-
ers. We like to meet people, and
the more we see of the so-called
foreign hosteler the better we like
it." I asked if this included the
German hosteler. "Oh we don't
have Germans hosteling in Eng-
land, but we have had plenty here
as P. W.'s." Were they so bad, I
asked. "Mercy no! In our village
we enjoyed them. And they had
heaps of fun. We used to say that
if you wanted a good time you had
to pose as a P. W. I know a
young Canadian who really did it.
He got into an old battle dress, and
what a welcome he got every-
where! The P. W.'s themselves
said that our village people spoke
the same language, as they did,
even though it was a different
tongue." You mean they were
really friends I asked. "Heavens
yes. Two of our village girls mar-
ried P. W.'s."

I learned later that nearly 300
P. W.'s had married English girls.
This meant of course that they had
been in England long enough to
have a sound inoculation in British
ways of thinking and living. This
will perhaps result in an influence
more far reaching than political
strategies.

Having discussed the P. W. in
England I was interested in a
copy of the British Picture Post
for August 21. It carried an ar-
ticle entitled, "German prisoners ar-
rive in Clivvy street." The opening
picture showed a German mother
welcoming home her son with the
caption, "A man in a dark brown
battle dress drops his kit bag in
the middle of the lane opposite his
own front door, and hurries into his
home."

I will jot down a few of them as
they appear in the personal notes.
Mrs. Vorace and Mrs. Morgan at-
tended golden wedding.

Susan Eddy sprained her ankle
and William Dale's cow broke out
of the pasture. NOTE: this had
no connection with the sprained
ankle.

Following this we have mumps,
measles, chicken pox and a trip to
Florida by Mr. and Mrs. A. G.
Moody. Mr. and Mrs. Whitmore
were being entertained on their fif-
tieth wedding anniversary while
someone else was snatching a val-
uable book from the library. That
book was never returned so I
advise all citizens to take another
look before it is too late for repen-
tance. The book had a red calf-
skin cover - I say to you - look
again.

There was one birth and one
death which could be classed as
an even break in the course of
events, but it is my opinion that
we made a slight gain. I realize
there is room for discussions.

Then we have a most unusual
request - someone is looking for
work, and I must admit, it is a
woman.

Fred Pallam went out of town
for a whole week mind you. There
was an engagement announced.
Somebody was supposed to have
been seen walking with an un-
steady gait and a story of that
description always leaves the door
wide open for many entertaining
stories for country life analysis and
consumption. I tell you there's lots
of fun and entertainment in the
PRESS for a nickel (ED. NOTE:
THREE (3) CENTS A COPY Mr.
PORTER) a copy or a dollar a
year.

Then for good measure there are
jokes and witty sayings, the like
of which I much enjoy.

Let me give you several which
might be of interest and enjoyment
to the lonesome, the forgotten and

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In September of 1945, Miss Nellie W. Dearstynne joined the faculty of Northfield High School. Since that time, those who have met her and come to know her have found a very busy woman. Her life has been a busy one and provides a very interesting background for her work with high school students.

She was born in Rensselaer, New York of parents of English, Scotch, French, Dutch and German descent. Her early days would be the envy of most young people as she spent much time during her pre-school days and summers on a sea-going barge.

She was graduated from Central High School, Springfield, Mass., and from Merrill's Business College, Port Chester, N. Y. She attended American International College, Springfield, Mass., where she obtained her B. A. degree and Springfield College where she received her M. Ed. degree. For ten years she attended evening classes in the School of Journalism at Columbia University in New York City and has taken courses in education and Spanish at American International College. Much of her education was obtained at the same time she was engaged in gainful employment.

She was secretary to Wall Street Brokers for one year; office manager of the National Tuberculosis Association, New York City for two years; employment manager for Life Savers, Inc., Port Chester, N. Y., for ten years, and assistant hotel manager in Springfield for ten years. Northfield High School is her first teaching position.

Miss Dearstynne has been teacher of English in the three upper classes and Spanish teacher here and the director of the Press Club. In the latter capacity she has developed a school publication of which Northfield can justly be proud. She is also advisor for the senior class.

Miss Dearstynne's activities are not restricted to her school work as she is an active member of the choir of the South Church in Springfield. She has the very interesting hobby of painting china.

During summer vacations she has enjoyed working in the Editorial Department of the G. & C. Merriam Co., of dictionary fame, and as proof reader at the Pond-Eckberg Printing Co., in Springfield. During the past summer she collected material and started writing a novel. Northfield is indeed fortunate in having on its high school faculty a person of Miss Dearstynne's experience and ability.

Town Topics

The building fund of the Trinitarian Congregational Church realized \$63 as a result of the public supper served by the Guild, with Mrs. Julian Black, as chairman, assisted by Mrs. "Melvin" Miller, Mrs. George Partridge, Mrs. Etta Cavanaugh, Mrs. Paul Chamberlain, Miss Sophie Servaes, Mrs. Waldo Hutchins, Miss Emily Carson, Mrs. Watson Black, Mrs. Albin Frank, and Miss Helen Handy.

A recent visitor to Northfield was Mrs. Evan Miller of Pasadena, California, niece of Miss Anna Miller of Valley Vista Inn. Mrs. Miller enjoyed Pioneer Valley's winter sunshine for several days, then departed for California. En route, her train was stalled in snow drifts for two days in Central Wyoming.

Miss Ellen J. Briesmaster, second year student at St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in New York, returns there Sunday after spending a two week vacation at her home.

Miss Dorothy Gray of Bellair, N. Y., niece of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Briesmaster is visiting at Valley Vista Inn for several days.

George Butynski suffered lacerations of the scalp when a truck tire he was repairing exploded causing the rim to hit his head. X-rays showed no fracture. He was attended by Dr. J. W. Bennett.

The new storeroom of the George H. Sheldon is practically completed, and a large amount of farm machinery is now stored in the new building. Additional work will be necessary to complete the paint room.

One large room of the VFW Post quarters building in West Northfield has been painted and redecorated.

Everett P. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perley E. Davis; Carl A. Frankenberg, son of Mrs. Virginia R. Frankenberg; Ralph E. Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Barrows; John D. Bassette, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Bassette; Richard A. Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Erickson, won scholarship honors for the third marking period at Mount Hermon School.

Jacqueline Jewett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delmer M. Jewett, Jr., was one of the twenty-one students to earn a place on the scholarship list for the first semester at the Northfield School for Girls according to an announcement made recently by Miss Mira B. Wilson, the principal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton are now with their son and family. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bolton in Albuquerque, N. M. They report a most enjoyable trip by motor through the southern states.

CENTER SCHOOL NEWS

We all had a very nice valentine party Monday afternoon and we wish to thank the mothers who made the cookies for us and sent candy. The pupils and teachers received many valentines.

We are sad to hear that Rachel True and Tevin Poneck are ill with virus pneumonia, but both are feeling better at this writing.

Mrs. Bolton's room received another gold seal in penmanship last week.

There are still quite a few pupils absent because of colds.

The second grade pupils in Mrs. Haack's and Mrs. Stebbins' rooms enjoyed a joint valentine party Monday afternoon. After the exchange of valentines, ice cream, cookies and mints were served.

The second grade in Mrs. Haack's room has a gold seal from the writing supervisor.

The monitors for this week are: Luncheon hostess and steward, Sally Sheldon and Dana Clough; Library table, Richard Williams; Books, Shirley Kelley and Francis Sobleski; blackboards, Richard Leach.

The girls in the 3rd grade have had perfect attendance for 3 weeks. Glenn Stewart received a letter from Joseph Vallois in Camiers. Joseph would like some stamps.

Ann Parker received a letter from Lucienne Valais who said they have no snow yet.

Stephanie Horton received a letter and a picture from Monique Bolel.

The fifth grade are preparing a short play to give before the sixth grade in celebration of Washington's birthday.

"The Boy Who Put His Mother First". Characters: Robert Scott, Stephanie Horton, May Cook, Everett Aldrich, Gerald Stebbins, Charles Repeta, Andrew Sheldon, Prompter, Eleanor Moon. Announcer: William Smith. Properties: Glenn Stewart.

Florin Andrew is the first sixth grader to receive a second reading certificate.

In a monthly spelling test Florin Andrew, Paul Jordan, Charlene Chamberlain, David Scott, Geraldine Durant, Shirley Clough, Delores Fisher and Alice Wood had 100%.

In a science test on the planets Norman Dean, Gene Berube, Geraldine Durant and Florin Andrew had over 90%.

Wednesday at 9:45 the fifth and sixth grades listened to a radio program, "Letters from Europe's Children". Stephanie Horton read a translated letter from her correspondent in Camiers and Marie Clark showed her letter which has not been translated. Both girls had pictures of their correspondents.

Those who had 100% in arithmetic Wednesday are Marie Clark, Charles James, and David Scott. Those who had 90% are Charlene Chamberlain, Donald Hiller, June Moore and Richard Williams.

At our weekly assembly, Mr. Heftern of the Registry of Motor Vehicles spoke and showed safety movies to grades one, two, and three on lessons in safe walking and safe playing.

"On Two Wheels" — a lesson on

HISTORICAL NOTES
NORTHFIELD FIRE HOSE COMPANY

The Northfield Fire Department will be 45 years old this year, and the present chief, Charles L. Johnson has made available to the PRESS some of the original records of the company.

The first regular meeting of the Northfield Fire Hose Company was held on June 28, 1904 at the office of Albert Mead, Fire Marshal, with 6 members present and it was voted that Benjamin F. Field be requested to fill the office of secretary and treasurer, "which office he accepted." Those present were William Dale, Dwight Proctor, Will Slate, A. W. Mason, John Callaghan and Fred Irish.

"There being no particular business the meeting adjourned." On March 21, 1905, Capt. Mead "expressed the hope that before many moons the Company would have a meeting place in a house with their apparatus."

Following a fire at Russell Long's in January 1906, Capt. Mead said that a ladder nozzle was needed for more effective work, and Will Dale suggested that hose and ladder straps were equally necessary. The secretary was instructed to ascertain the cost of the same and confer with the Selectmen.

On Jan. 30, 1906, James T. Cummings' paint shop burned, with the Company represented by Capt. Mead, Dale, Slate and A. W. Mason. On November 3, 1906, Capt. Mead reported that all fire hydrants had been opened, tried and oiled and "put into proper condition for use during the winter."

Capt. Mead expressed the hope, at the Dec. 11, 1906 meeting, that "the next meeting would be held in the Company's own quarters being erected on Town Hall grounds."

On April 9, 1907 a discussion was entered into regarding the merits of several locations for a tower to be used in drying hoses — "the opinion was general that it should be on the Hose House and not Town hall as suggested by the contractor."

On November 12, 1907 Capt. Mead stated, "the Hose Tower was in course of construction and hoped

safe bicycle riding and "Man on Horseback" — the training of horses for patrolling in vicinities with heavy traffic, were shown to grades four, five and six.

A card with a list of safety rules by Registrar King was distributed to the first five grades and a book on safety training to the sixth grade.

Pupils in Grade four receiving a large star for completing twelve perfect spelling lessons are: Alan Bolton, Beverly Dumbreck, Martha Parsons, and David Hiller.

The Army is growing. It needs more officers, particularly those in the Junior Grades. See the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Officer at the local Recruiting Station.

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soon the meetings could be held in the Company's own quarters."

The regular meeting of the Company was held on Dec. 19, 1907. It was noted that the Company had collected \$28.50 from the town for the year's work, and the treasurer was directed to pay the members their several portions.

During the regular meeting of April 14, 1908, Capt. Mead reported two fires occurring during the month. On the 5th a fire at the house of J. B. Callender, "at which Capt. Mead and Dwight Proctor did 3 hours service." Then "on the morning of the 11th instant the stable of Dwight Proctor (a member of the Company) was burned and seven horses suffocated. The fire was extinguished, and the neighboring barn saved." The following members served 3 hours each, Capt. Mead, Arthur Mason, Dwight Proctor, Will Dale and Will Slate.

On June 9, 1908 at the regular meeting, "Capt. Mead in view of the soaking the members got at the Proctor fire thought it was advisable to get the town to vote a sum of money sufficient to purchase suitable waterproof clothing and hats for the Company."

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Town Topics

The Rev. James A. Jones, his wife, and four children are at the Northfield.

Pfc. Kenneth Leach, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Leach, was home during town meeting time on a 6 day furlough from Murphy General Hospital in Waltham.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barbour have been visiting town. Mr. Barbour is president of Fleming H. Revell, Publishers.

Miss Ruth Holton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Holton, of South Vernon, was awarded a Dean's list certificate this week for her first semester's work at Vermont Junior College in Montpelier, Vt. Ruth is a Liberal Arts major at the college and a member of the freshman class. She graduated from Northfield High School last June.

Mrs. David Tomkins of Winchester road has returned and is at the home of Mrs. Roy A. Barrows. Later she expects to reopen her own house.

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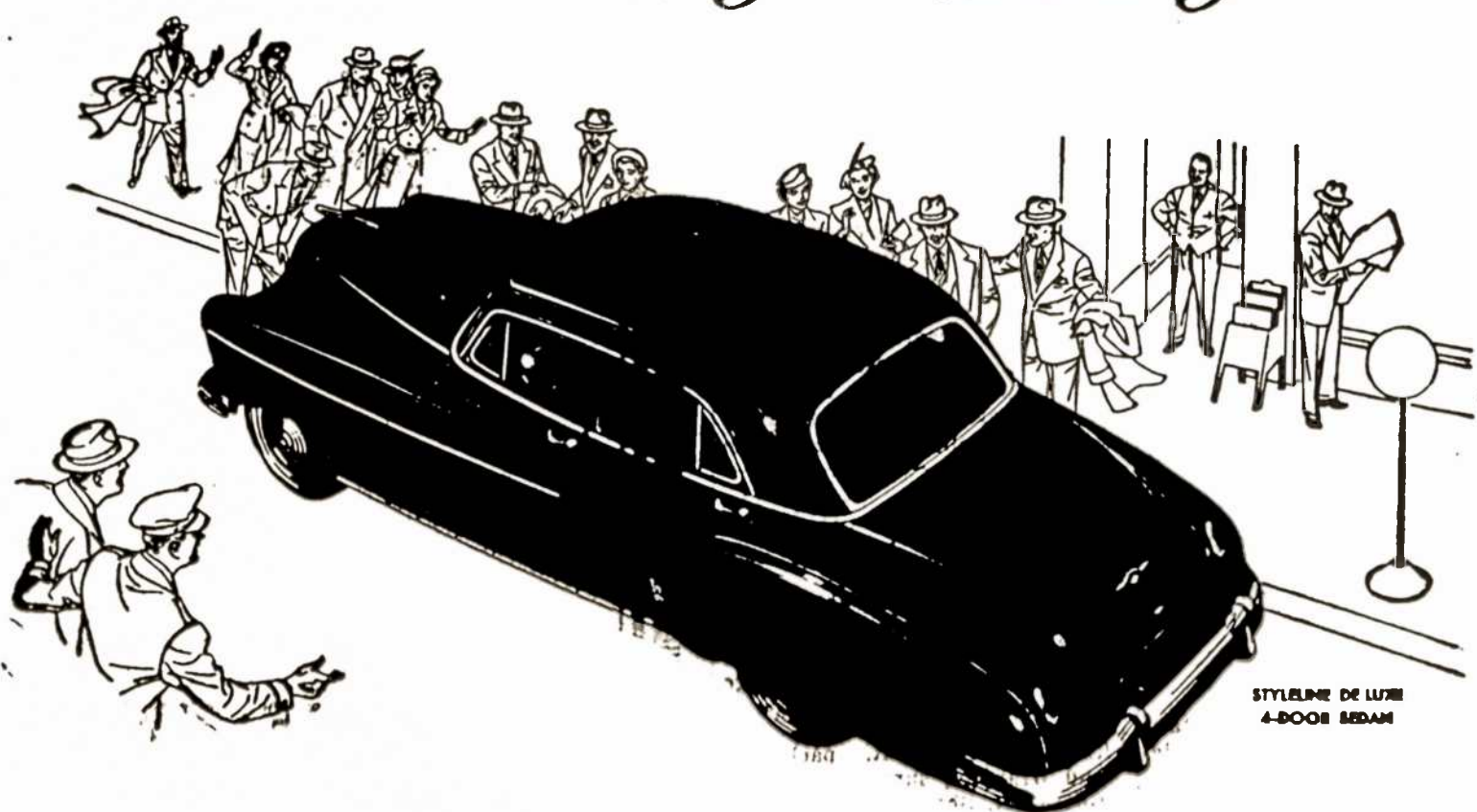
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LAND COURT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Franklin, ss.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Land Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Respectfully represents Walter Carl Eddy and Eva G. Eddy, his wife, of Warwick, in the County of Franklin and said Commonwealth; that they are owners of certain lots of land with the buildings thereon, situate in Warwick in the County of Franklin and said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

First Tract: Beginning at the northwest corner thereof in the southerly line of the County road, leading from Warwick to Athol at corner of land now or formerly of Lawrence R. Gates, hence southerly by said Gates land to land now or formerly of Ansel Dickinson, at the corner of a stone wall; thence easterly by said Dickinson land a distance of twelve (12) rods, more or less, to an iron pipe set in the ground near a maple tree; thence northerly by land now or formerly of Lillian M. Gates to the southerly corner of land now or formerly of one Drinkwater; thence northerly along said Drinkwater land to an iron pipe set on the southerly line of the County road; thence easterly along the County road to the place of beginning.

Said premises containing ten (10) acres, more or less.

Second Tract: Beginning at a point in the northeasterly corner thereof in the southerly line of the County road leading from Warwick to Athol, at the corner of land now or formerly of one Coates; thence westerly along said County road to a point at the corner of land now or formerly of one Drinkwater; thence southerly along Drinkwater land; thence westerly along said Drinkwater land to the first tract above described; thence southerly along said first tract to a point at the corner of land now or formerly of Dickinson and Proctor; thence easterly along said Proctor land to the land of said Coates; thence northerly along said Coates land to the place of beginning. Containing fifty (50) acres, more or less.

That the record title to said lot of land is clouded by a mortgage given by George Latwen, to Charles H. Davis, dated January 11, 1923 and duly recorded, Book 675, Page 165, purporting to secure a note for \$300, payable in quarterly installments of \$50.00 each, with interest quarterly which mortgage appears to be undischarged, unassigned and unforfeited on and by the record—or not properly or legally discharged of record;

That for more than twenty years after the expiration of the time limited for the full performance of said condition, no payment has been made and no other act done in recognition of said mortgage; and that the mortgagor named in said mortgage and those claiming under him have been in uninterrupted possession of said land for more than twenty years after the expiration of time limited in said mortgage for the full performance of the condition thereof.

WHEREFORE your petitioners pray that after appropriate notices a decree may be entered on the foregoing allegations as authorized by Section 15, Chapter 240 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 20, of the Acts of 1924.

Walter Carl Eddy
Eva G. Eddy

On this 28th day of January, 1949 personally appeared before me the within named Walter Carl Eddy and Eva G. Eddy, known to me to be the signers of the foregoing petition and made oath, that the statements therein contained, so far as made of their own knowledge are true and so far as made upon information and belief that they believe them to be true.

A True Copy: Attest,

Before me,
A. William Plotkin
Notary Public.
Sybil H. Holmes
Recorder.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

CASE NO. 11858 MISC.

Franklin, ss.

LAND COURT

(Seal)

Upon the foregoing petition, it is ordered that the petitioner, give notice to all persons interested in said petition to appear before the Land Court at Greenfield, within and for our said County of Franklin (where appearances and answers may be filed with Fred B. Loole, Esquire, Register of Deeds for the Registry District of said Franklin County, as Assistant Recorder of said Court) on the first Monday of April next, by causing a true and attested copy of said petition and this order to be published forthwith once a week, for three successive weeks, in the Northfield Press a newspaper published in Northfield, in said County of Franklin, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said first Monday of April next, by serving each known respondent by registered mail with a like attested copy of said petition and order as soon as may be and in any event fourteen days at least before said first Monday of April next; that all respondents may then and there



by Gertrude C. Whitney

With the East at last in the grip of old Man Winter, most of us have not been garden-minded of late, yet we know that the pageant of nature must go on and we are reminded of the oft-quoted and comforting line from Shelley's "Ode to the West Wind": "O Wind, If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

I promised last week to take up with you some of the outstanding plant creations in Brock's new Garden Book for 1949. First to strike my eye, was the "cupped and feathered cosmos" illustration, whose pink blossoms look like single poppies, but otherwise it has the cosmos characteristics—a creation so new in the plant world that the seeds men do not guarantee that all the blooms will come true to the desired form, that is, that there will be "throw-backs" to the familiar ray-type of cosmos, but a package of these seeds would surely be worth a tryout.

Here is what you have been looking for, perhaps: the Indian Spring hollyhock, a variegated rose pink—carmine variety that will flower the first year, if started early enough, we are told.

On the same page is an interesting annual chrysanthemum which now comes in different shades, with dark centers. From the picture, they resemble calliopsis, but appear to be more stocky.

While you are waiting for your hardy phlox to bush out into showy clumps, why not get some annual phlox started early in the season? They will reward you with their exquisite colors and abundant bloom, likewise the lowly portulaca, as which come in about the same colors and will keep blooming all summer long.

Personally I have always admired the graceful nicotiana with its fragrant smell and handsome single flowers in lovely soft shades. I saw these plants at their best once as the sole occupants of two long, narrow beds flanking the approach to the library steps at Franconia, New Hampshire. Conditions seemed ideal for them—just enough shade and just enough moisture. They were in full bloom and I saw them just on the edge of the evening when they are especially fragrant. They ranged in color from white, through the various shades of pink and dark red to lavender and purple.

Another low-growing flower which I have greatly enjoyed cultivating, is the Chinese pink. These produce a seemingly endless variety of type, color and marking.

If you are just starting your perennial delphiniums, (and be sure to get good stock) why not start some annual delphiniums early, so that they will bloom this season, for your perennial type will not bloom until the second year, and that goes for that other aristocrat of the garden, the foxglove.

Another favorite of mine is the verbenas which also comes in wide variety of colors. They are rather slow-growing until they get a good start. A good idea would be to buy an assorted package and start them in a shallow tray in a sunny window.

The old-fashioned German stocks are very satisfactory, also. They too, to insure early bloom, would best be started in the house. They have a spicy fragrance and come in a variety of delicate shades.

There are some very attractive new marigolds, one resembling a very double yellow chrysanthemum.

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show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

By the Court.

Attest:

Sybil H. Holmes,
Recorder.

Dated February 1, 1949
A true copy attested

the Yellowstone. Personally, I could never stand the odor and have not tried to raise them. To me, the zinnia is just as interesting and is being improved all the time. There is a fine display in my book, featuring the new "Fantasy" zinnias, which are after the chrysanthemum order.

Here's hoping you have good luck with your seeds.



Mrs. Frank E. Evans, 76, died in Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, February 9, where she had been confined after a fall at her home, which resulted in a broken rib and dislocated vertebrae.

Mary (Russell) Evans was born in Northfield, April 20, 1872, the daughter of Edmund and Nellie Russell. She attended High School here, and the Northfield School for Girls. She was married to Frank E. Evans who died February 17, 1948. Mr. Evans had been in the grocery and lumber business for many years.

Mrs. Evans attended the Trinitarian Congregational Church and was a member of the Ladies' Sewing Society of the church. She was secretary and treasurer of this group at the time of her death. She was also a member of the Fortnightly Club and the Franklin County Northfield Club.

Surviving are: a nephew, Russell Belding of Vernon, British Columbia; a niece Mary (Belding) Caswell of Vancouver, British Columbia; a niece, Mrs. Louis M. Potts of this town; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Gilbert of this town.

Funeral services were held at her home on Main street Saturday, February 13, with the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating, with burial in the Center Cemetery. Bearers were Leonard Stebbins, Sam Smith, Dr. Richard Holton and Louis M. Potts.

Town Topics

The Franklin County Council of the V. F. W. was entertained at the Post quarters of the Northfield Post 9874 last Sunday. The WSO furnished refreshments for the occasion.

Joseph Bilmon is at Farren Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Mildred Addison is now living in Brooklyn, N. Y., and working in New York City with AYH. This was a part of the removal program taking the National Headquarters of AYH from Northfield to New York City.

Mr. W. C. Atkins and his sister of Trenton, N. J., will spend this

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To the Press:

1948 is well on its way, with one month already a thing of the past. Lincoln's Birthday was appropriately observed in the library with a special display of books on his life, both fiction and non-fiction; also pictures, one a very rare one taken in a white linen suit. The one we have is a newspaper print and the item states that "it was discovered at the University of Nebraska, by Stephen Loring, Lenox author and well known authority on Lincoln. It was made from an ambrotype plate and is the only known photograph of Lincoln in a white linen suit."

There has been a question as to whether "Lincoln's Birthday" was a legal holiday. According to the 1948 "World Almanac", only 35 states of the Union have made it a legal holiday, Connecticut and Vermont being the only New England states observing it.

All states observe Washington's Birthday as a legal holiday. The library will be closed on that day. There will be a special display of books about our First President, George Washington, in the reading room. Two recent books which are

summer at their cottage on Rustic Ridge. They cancelled a proposed visit to California and have withdrawn their house from the rental list.

Sidney Given Jr. has been cutting down a number of pine trees on his property in Mountain Park. He plans to set out several fruit bearing trees in the early spring.

Miss Ethel Lawrence of Madison, N. J., whose summer home is in Mountain Park has just completed her second genealogical work and the book is ready for publication. It is on the Dobbs-Tripp families. Miss Lawrence is a sister of Mrs. William F. Hohen of this town.

It is rumored that a call will be issued in the early spring for the organization of a Taxpayers Association and preliminary steps have already been taken. Increased town expenditures and the growing tax rate are not attractive and will not bring new residents to the town. Northfield had an association some ten years ago.

Russell Keith, employed at the Northfield last summer, is now Editor in chief of a weekly newspaper, "West Side News" in New York City. It is located near Columbia University. Keith, who formerly

worked for the Boston Herald, is operating this paper as a tabloid size sheet of six pages. The paper was started following the end of World War II.

A number of local skiers were at Pine Top over the week end and it was reported that several busloads from more distant points were making use of both tows at the South Vernon Ski Tow.

Work on Dickinson Memorial Library will begin soon. Additional facilities are being installed as well as a considerable amount of redecoration. The money for this work was appropriated at the last town meeting.

The William Marshall home on Highland avenue, is being reshingled with what looks like asbestos shingles.

Town Taxi, operated by Eugene Miller, was the lowest bidder in the recent bidding for the contract to furnish transportation for the local schools.

Several of the faithful were at the E. Northfield station last week when the Vermont car of the "Merced" train passed through on its way to Brattleboro.

School Committee
Selectmen Organize

The Selectmen and School Committee have met and organized for the coming year. Ernest A. Parker is again Chairman of the Selectmen, with George W. Carr in charge of welfare, and Luman Barber in charge of roads.

I. J. Lawrence was elected chairman of the school committee, with Mrs. Marion Billings as secretary. Louis Abbey, newly elected member of the committee, was also present.

Squeeze Box

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The pastor sent this message, "Unto us a child is born Stop Three feet wide Stop six feet long Stop. The young lady operator was about to be married and when she received the message it is said that she fainted dead away."

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